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GERMAN FORCES LOSE HEAVILY

MORE PROGRESS MADE BY ALLIES

French Troops Take 1,200 Prisoners and Ten Machine Guns in Fighting.

THE LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS

In Small Operations on the Somme Front the British Gain More Ground.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—The Germans lost heavily in several counter attacks north and south of the Somme Sunday night, the war office announced Monday.

The French maintained the ground recently won and made further progress near Clercy and Berry and on the eastern edge of Denicourt.

The French took 1,200 prisoners and ten machine guns, the statement says. The town of Denicourt is now completely encircled by the French.

Prisoners report that enormous losses have been sustained by some of the German formations. The statement says two battalions were almost annihilated by the French artillery.

BRITISH FORCES GAIN SOME MORE GROUND

LONDON, Sept. 18.—In small operations on the Somme front Sunday night the British gained further ground, the war office announced Monday.

The general situation continues unchanged, the statement says. "South of the Ancre we improved our positions north of Marpinich. East of Courcellette a minor attack made Sunday night upon elements of enemy trenches was entirely successful. Our line has been advanced appreciably at this point."

FOUR KILLED

When a New York Central Train Strikes Automobile They Are In.

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 18.—Four persons were killed at North Springfield, eighteen miles west of here, Monday when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a New York Central train. The dead are Mrs. Percy Seager, Mrs. K. Shipman, Miss Shipman and the colored chauffeur, all of Pittsburgh.

The party was returning to Pittsburgh from this city when the accident occurred. The three women were instantly killed and the chauffeur lived but five minutes.

CONFESSION

Is Made by Two Members of an Alleged Syndicate of Blackmailers in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Confession has been made by two members of the alleged syndicate of blackmailers, eight of whom are under arrest here, that operations of the swindlers netted them \$1,000,000 during the last year, federal officials announced Monday.

The confession, it was said, disclosed that the alleged band numbers sixty persons, a third of them women. A dispute over the division of spoils led to the confession. Arrests of a score or more members of the syndicate are expected within a week.

SYNDICATE'S VICTIM

Will Go to Chicago to Appear against Blackmailers Arrested There.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—An agent of the department of justice will leave here Monday night for Chicago to appear against members of the alleged blackmailing syndicate arrested in that city Saturday night. With him will go Mrs. Regina Clippert, formerly of this city but now residing in New Jersey, who is expected to also appear against some of those under arrest.

Mrs. Clippert was a victim of the alleged blackmailing syndicate, having paid over to the syndicate a sum of money said to be less than \$1,500, according to the federal authorities.

WOOD COUNTY SAFE.

Wood county will give a nice majority for both Republican state and national tickets in the November election, according to Judge Thomas Brown and State Senator Robert L. Gregory, both of Parkersburg, who were prominent visitors at Republican state headquarters here Monday.

Wood county Republicans are united as never before, they said, and are standing squarely behind the party's nominees.

BULL MOOSE TO MEET.

A meeting of the state executive committee of the Progressive party has been called for Parkersburg, next Saturday, September 23. The meeting of the committee will be followed by a party conference.

COUNTY SHERIFF IS PREPARING TAX BOOKS.

Sheriff Ross F. Stout began Monday to prepare the tax books for the year. He has quite a force of clerks working on them. The county sittings, at which discounts will be allowed, will begin about October 15, and discounts will be collected after that in the office also on such district tickets as have been made out. Beginning November 1 discounts will be allowed on all taxes in the county until the end of November, when the discount period ceases.

BROTHER

Of Mrs. R. K. Willets Dies Suddenly in Beaumont, Kan.

John E. Hamilton, aged 49 years, an oil well driller, died suddenly Sunday morning at Beaumont, Kan., where he had been working for the last six months, according to a message received by his sister, Mrs. R. K. Willets, here Sunday afternoon. The message did not state the cause of Mr. Hamilton's death.

Mr. Hamilton was a native of this county, residing at Wallace until six months ago when he went west and located at Beaumont. He had been in excellent health and last week wrote to his wife, Mrs. Belle Hamilton, and told her to make arrangements to move to Beaumont at once. Mrs. Hamilton had all their goods packed and was at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Willets, here Sunday enroute to Beaumont when they received the news of his death.

The body will be brought back here and the burial will be in a local cemetery. Mr. Hamilton was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows lodges.

The deceased man is survived by his widow, Mrs. Belle Hamilton; George Hamilton, of Oklahoma; Charles and Lee Hamilton, sons; Mrs. Mabel Tindall, of Beaumont, Kan., and Mrs. R. K. Willets, of this city, sisters.

THEFT OF BRASS

Get a Boy 14 Years Old and a Junk Dealer into Hot Water.

Resulting from the theft of nearly \$100 worth of brass fittings belonging to the West Virginia Mine Supply Company and Barnhart and Wilson, Harry Guinn, aged 14, son of William Guinn, keeper of the city crematory, is under arrest charged with stealing the brass and Samuel Feinberg, of the Brotherhood Junk Company, charged with receiving the stolen goods.

The warrants against the Guinn boy were sworn out in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court by J. S. Rodney, of the West Virginia Mine Supply Company, and D. F. Wilson, of Barnhart and Wilson. The case has been set for Wednesday evening there and the boy has been released under bail. The same complainants swore out warrants against Feinberg in Magistrate R. Edward Kidd's court and Feinberg, who gave bond, will be tried there at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

ELECTRIC WIRE

Causes Mishap to Automobile at Weston and Woman is Hurt.

Mrs. M. J. Rose, of this city, received painful bruises when thrown against the steering wheel of an automobile in which she, her daughter, Grace, and others were riding Sunday afternoon at Weston.

While passing the state hospital grounds the automobile picked up the end of a loose electric wire, which became entangled in the wheels and caused the machine to run against a light pole.

The other occupants of the car were not hurt, but the automobile was badly damaged.

DAUGHTER BORN.

Local relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Elliott, of Terra Alta, received cards today announcing the birth of Alice Jean Elliott, their first child. Alice Jean was born Thursday, September 14, at the Elliott home at Terra Alta. Mrs. Elliott and the babe are getting along nicely.

Mrs. Elliott was before marriage Miss Ruth Southern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Southern, of this city.

NEW LOW RECORD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—A new low record in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was established during the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. Monday, according to the report of the health department. There were but six deaths and fifteen new cases.

THE RUDE AWAKENING.



On the morning of the first day of school after a whole Summer Vacation.

DOCTORS

Are Named by the Governor to Attend a Sectional Tuberculosis Conference.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 18.—Prominent physicians and the heads of institutions and organizations for the curtailment of tuberculosis in West Virginia have been appointed by Governor Hatfield to attend a sectional tuberculosis conference of the national association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis. The conference will be held in Newark, N. J., October 21 and 22.

Aside from West Virginia, the other states represented will be Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia as well as the District of Columbia. The delegates from this state will be Dr. S. L. Jepson, state health commissioner; Dr. Harriett B. Jones, of Wheeling, president of the Anti-tuberculosis Association of West Virginia; Dr. E. E. Clovis, superintendent of the State tuberculosis hospital, at Terra Alta; Dr. Irvin B. Bullard, of Charleston; Dr. S. N. Myers, of Martinsburg; Dr. H. A. Brandenberg, of Huntington; and Dr. A. N. Frame, of Parkersburg.

UNIVERSITY

Of the State Begins Fall Semester with a Large Attendance.

MORGANTOWN, Sept. 18.—West Virginia University opened this morning for the fall semester. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be registration days, classes will be organized Thursday, and the work of the term will be fairly under way for the beginning of the following week. It is expected that there will be a few late registrations.

Already, a large number of freshmen have arrived, and many of the older students are here. All indications point to the largest freshman class in the University's history, and this, likewise, means the largest attendance.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Of Charles E. Hughes Are Received at Republican State Headquarters Here.

The literature bureau of the Republican state headquarters here has received a large consignment of photographs of Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for president, Arthur J. Thompson, director of the bureau, Monday morning began work of mailing the photographs to the various chairmen of the Republican county executive committees. The pictures are to be used as posters in windows of business houses.

Buttons bearing the likeness of the Republican presidential candidate, copies of the state platform of the party and blanks to be used in the organization of Hughes and Young Men's Republican clubs have already been sent out from headquarters here.

YOUNG ASQUITH KILLED.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Lieutenant Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action on September 15, it was announced Monday.

CAVALRY PURSUES VILLA'S MAIN BAND

Whose Members, Well Mounted, Are Leading Pursuers over Jagged Rocks.

EL PASO, Sept. 18.—Two columns of government cavalry under General Matias Ramos and Colonel Jose Marro Monday were pursuing Villa and his main band, which Saturday made the Hidalgo day attack on Chihuahua City, into the rugged Santa Clara canyon district to the northeast.

The bandits are well mounted and apparently were leading the defacto forces over the jagged rocks, ruinous to the feet of horses, into the canyon. Persons familiar with the country pointed out that should Villa reach one of his lairs in the district the government troops may have the greatest difficulty in finding him.

Monday's report indicated that Villa's force numbers approximately 1,500 and was opposed by the garrison of about 7,000. The Villa casualties also were said to be considerably larger than was first indicated. From the number of dead and wounded picked up by the pursuing forces, it was estimated the losses probably were about 250.

BERRY FUNERAL

Is Held in the Methodist Episcopal Church Located at Arnettville.

The funeral of Mrs. French E. Berry, of near Arnettville, was held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Arnettville and burial was at the cemetery there.

Mrs. Berry died Saturday at her home, aged 58 years. She had been ill three weeks.

The deceased woman was before her marriage Miss Julia Ann Hackney. She was born March 5, 1858, and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Squire Hackney. Her father is living at the age of 80 years. Her marriage to Mr. Berry took place on December 31, 1884. Nine children survive.

COLORED.

Educators Are Appointed Delegates to Conference by Governor Hatfield.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 18.—Governor H. D. Hatfield has selected a number of prominent West Virginia colored educators as delegates to the educational conference, which is scheduled to be held in Durham, N. C., for four days, beginning, Tuesday, November 21. These delegates are R. P. Sims, of Bluefield, Byrd Prillerman, of Institute; J. W. Scott, of Huntington; J. R. Jefferson, of Parkersburg; and W. V. Saunders, of Charleston.

NEW HEAD WAITER.

Michael Jacobson, formerly with the New Ebbitt, one of the leading hotels of Washington, D. C., has accepted the position of head waiter at the Waldo hotel, and has begun his duties. He has had years of successful experience.

BRITISH RAID

With Naval Aeroplanes is Successfully Made at St. Denis and Westrethem.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—A raid by British naval aeroplanes on German aerodromes at St. Denis and Westrethem is reported in an official statement issued by the war office. The statement says:

"Sunday afternoon a squadron of our naval aeroplanes carried out a further attack on enemy aerodromes at St. Denis and Westrethem. A large number of bombs were dropped with successful results. One of our machines was obliged to make a forced landing in Holland and the pilot has been interned."

MINE MEN

Are Chosen by the Governor of the State to Attend the Mining Congress.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 18.—The nineteenth annual meeting of the American Mining Congress will be held in Chicago four days, beginning Monday, November 13. Consideration will be given to the problems of safety, efficiency and conservatism. Governor Hatfield has selected as West Virginia delegates to this congress the following men who are identified with the coal industry in this state:

Colonel E. E. White, of Glen White; General Edward O'Toole, of Gary; W. O. Percival, of Holden; John M. Wolfe, of Fairmont; Frank O'Harris, of Cannelton; Carl Hunter, of Moundsville; T. M. Huddy, of Boomer; Charles A. Cabell, of Carbon; John Laing, of Charleston; and Colonel W. H. Koch, of Wheeling.

TWO MORE

Fatalities Now Suspected in the Cabin Creek Flood Burst.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 18.—It may be that there were two more fatalities than the fifty-one reported as the result of the cloudburst and flood on Cabin creek August 9. Relatives in Pocahontas, Va., have written local and county authorities asking about Josiah Green and Wiley Andrews, who were residents on Cabin creek just before the flood. It has been impossible for the authorities to find any one who has seen them since then.

MRS. NAY DEAD.

Mrs. Laverna Nay, aged 65 years, widow of Silas J. Nay, of Enterprise, died Sunday. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at Enterprise and the burial will be at the Odd Fellows cemetery there. She is survived by A. P. Martin, of Enterprise, a brother.

CHURCH DEDICATED.

With Bishop Franklin Hamilton, of Pittsburgh, presiding, the newly-built Stealey Heights Methodist Episcopal church was formally dedicated Sunday night, in the presence of a great crowd of people. The dedication followed a week of special services.

LUMBERPORT HIT BY A COSTLY FIRE

WILLCOX SURE OF HUGHES AND CONGRESS

Republican Chairman Gives Figures That Party Will Carry the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Chairman William R. Willcox of the Republican national committee, in a statement issued last night expressing the belief that Charles E. Hughes will be elected without a doubt, also asserts that the election of a Republican House of Representatives is a foregone conclusion. Then, Mr. Willcox says, "A 100 per cent campaign will be conducted which insures a Republican Senate."

Chairman Willcox does not content himself with the making of mere assertions of victory, but he gives ample reasons for his faith. His statement follows:

"The Senate is now composed of fifty-six Democrats and thirty-nine Republicans. Counting the Maine results, its composition becomes fifty-five Democrats and forty-one Republicans. In the November election thirty-two senators are to be elected to fill the places of seventeen Democrats and fifteen Republicans."

Republicans Need Twenty-three. To gain control of the Senate the Republican must elect twenty-three candidates—that is, elect all of their fifteen and make an inroad of eight on the Democrats. The states are New Mexico, Minnesota, Wyoming, Delaware, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, Utah, Michigan and California. In none of these states is there any doubt of the success of the Hughes and Fairbanks ticket."

As to the senatorships only two may be considered doubtful—Washington and Wyoming—and in these the undoubted strength of the national ticket will serve to elect the Republican senatorial candidates. The states represented by Democrats are Arizona, Florida, West Virginia, Texas, Nebraska, Indiana (2), Tennessee, Maryland, New Jersey, Montana, New York, Nevada, Ohio, Missouri, Virginia and Mississippi.

Out of these seventeen places the Republicans must take eight. Can they do it? They can and will. First let us eliminate the four certain Democratic states of Florida, Texas, Virginia and Mississippi. This limits the field to the twelve states of Arizona, West Virginia, Nebraska, Indiana (2), Tennessee, Maryland, New Jersey, Montana, New York, Nevada and Missouri. Of these, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Nebraska and West Virginia, if the same percentage of Progressive vote the Republican ticket as did Maine, will elect Republican senators. The combined Republican majority in Ohio in 1912 was 74,000; in New York, 190,000; New Jersey, 55,000; Nebraska, 17,000; West Virginia, 22,000.

Some Closer States. If we elect these five senators, which is practically certain, we still have the states of Arizona, Indiana (2), Tennessee, Maryland, Montana, Nevada and Missouri furnishing eight places in which to get the remaining three required, and in each one of these there is a good fighting chance for Republican success. In Arizona the Democratic vote in 1912 exceeded the combined Republican vote by 355; in Indiana the combined Republican vote exceeded the Wilson vote by 32,000; in Tennessee the Wilson vote exceeded the combined Republican vote by 18,000; in Maryland the combined Republican vote exceeded the Wilson vote by 13,000; in Nevada the combined Republican vote exceeded the Wilson vote by 1,400.

Thus, in these seven states, furnishing eight senatorial places, the combined Republican vote exceeded the Wilson vote in five, and the Wilson vote exceeded the combined Republican in two. Summarized, to elect the required twenty-three senators the Republicans have fifteen reasonably certain Republican senatorships with which to start; five senatorships to get in states represented by Democrats, in each of which there is a big majority of combined Republicans and Progressive votes; and three to get from the eight places in seven states, in five of which there is a small majority of combined Republicans and Progressives, and in two of which there was a small Wilson majority.

The Republicans lost some senatorships in 1914 through default—notably in Nevada, where Newlands was elected by forty plurality, and Wisconsin, where Hustling was elected by 950 plurality. There will be no losses by default this year.

MRS. POSTELWAITE DEAD.

The body of Mrs. Elvina Postelwaite, aged 47 years, who died at Fairmont Sunday morning following a long period of failing health, was taken through the city Monday for burial at Jacksonburg, her home, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Seven Stores and Dwellings Are Destroyed While Residents Use Buckets.

STARTS FROM A GAS STOVE

Lack of a Fire Department is Sadly Felt in Neighboring Town.

A big part of the business section of Lumberport was wiped out by a fire early Monday morning entailing a loss of approximately \$27,000. The town has no fire department and the only thing the residents could do was to fight the flames with bucket brigades. Valiant work of this kind saved the Lumberport bank and the opera house, which were endangered by the flames.

The places destroyed with the individual losses are as follows: Hedges and Oysters hardware store, a two-story frame structure, with virtually all its contents, \$5,000.

Allen N. Knight's two story frame building, used for his general store and living apartments, together with contents, \$15,000.

Mrs. Flora E. Horner's two-story dwelling, \$3,600.

Dent's drug store, \$2,500.

C. G. Brooke's dwelling, \$300.

George Coffman's barber shop, \$300.

Chester Denzie's restaurant, \$200. Except where otherwise noted, the structures listed were one story frame buildings.

The fire started about 4 o'clock in the morning in the Denzie restaurant and is believed to have been started by a gas stove which had been left burning. The flames had a good headway when discovered and they spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings, which were soon converted into a huge roaring bonfire. The fire spread so quickly that residents had no chance to save anything from the doomed buildings and they turned their attention to fighting the flames with buckets as best they could. The bank and opera house buildings are directly opposite the street from the scene of the fire and had it not been for the hard work of the bucket brigades in pouring water over their fronts, these buildings and perhaps many others adjoining, would have been destroyed.

AMERICAN CRAFT

And Not the Bremen is the Submarine Seen Off New London Coast.

NEW LONDON, Ct., Sept. 18.—The submarine which appeared off New London late Sunday night, which was believed to have been the German undersea merchantman Bremen, was an American craft of the L type returning from maneuvers, it developed Monday with the return to port of the ocean-going tug, T. A. Scott, Jr.

The tug sent out Sunday night carrying persons supposed to be representatives of the Eastern Forwarding Company, to which the cargo of the submarine Deutschland was consigned at Baltimore. The Scott reported that nothing was seen or heard of the Bremen.

STRIKE DELAYED

Pending a Conference of Labor Leaders with Mayor Mitchell of New York City.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Threatened strikes by longshoremen, tidewater boatmen and other unions, either in sympathy with the striking railway men or after an appeal from the leaders of the street car men, were delayed Monday pending a conference of labor leaders with Mayor Mitchell. The mayor said he called the conference at the request of the union men and that he did not know what they wanted to talk with him about.

Repeated attacks from roof tops were made on passing elevated trains during the early hours Monday. Stones and bottles crashed through the car windows and several passengers were injured. In the Bronx a policeman was hurt while dispersing a crowd of strike sympathizers who were throwing bricks.

TURNED ADRIFT

Is Girl in a John Boat, After Being Enticed by Man.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 18.—After floating the greater part of one day and a night in an open johnboat, Catherine Fellows, 17, who says she is from Gallipolis, O., was found just above Lock No. 6 in the Kanawha river. She claimed to have been enticed from her home by a man whose name she declined to disclose, who, she says, deserted her on Cabin creek and told her to get home as best she might. Humane officers have taken her in charge.

MOVING HERE.

The Rev. J. P. Turkelson, new Methodist Protestant minister, is moving his household goods from Buckhannon to Stealey Heights where he and his family will reside.